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Snowdon issues ultimatum

Threatens to call in the restructuring commissioner

by Andrew Milne

Snowdon will not call in a provincial Municipal Affairs commissioner to make restructuring decisions for the local governments.

Yet.

Snowdon councillors voted at a meeting last week to delay the decision to call in the commissioner for six weeks, to give the county a chance to demonstrate that it is serious about restructuring.

County councillors from across the county — including Dysart reeve/county warden Murray Fearrey and Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon — were present for what was formally a local Snowdon municipal meeting, and participated in the discussion.

The provincial commissioner, once called in, would have the power unilaterally to impose restructuring measures — up to and including the amalgamation of local governments.

As reeve George Simmons and deputy-reeve Ross Rigney explained it, the motion was an expression of Snowdon's frustration with a perceived lack of commitment on the part of the county body to get on with realistic restructuring efforts.

Said Rigney, "I must say that there's a lot of disbelief in me about whether or not



Snug as a bug in a quincy

Mike Smith, Cheryl Smith, Daniel Walker, Chantel Smith and Donelda Smith spent a night last week in a quincy — an igloo-like structure constructed of piled snow — they built in their backyard. Donelda has built the structures as part of a program at Kinark, where she works. They report that, heated with a candle, the quincy was entirely comfortable — even cosy.

there's the heart and the political will on the will council to do it. I know that on an individual basis people have a lot of opinions. I must say that I think you've had two good years of a lot of debate, going back to Bark Lake. And there was always that sense that we were going to come out of that debate and were going to move ahead. But where are we today?"

Discussions on local government restructuring were largely driven from the outset by serious cuts and changes to the way the province provides transfer grants to local governments. Though the process started with players considering as options amalgamating some local governments, eliminating the lower

tier governments in favour of one county government, or, conversely, eliminating the county government level, the discussion mostly seemed to eliminate, over time those options, in favour of attempting to find efficiencies within the existing legal structures. In an odd deal brokered by Fearrey at the county level but paid for by separate municipal governments, consultant David Barber was brought in to help find those efficiencies.

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School board waiting nervously for April

by Andrew Milne

A mere month before nominations for trustee positions would normally open, Haliburton County's Board of Education is drifting in an uneasy limbo.

Effectively stripped of much of its power, along with all other boards in the province pending the upcoming amalgamation proposed in provincial legislation, the board, it would seem, can do very little but wait for the word from the province on many significant decisions.

Director Brad Saunders said at the board's regular meeting last week, "That's the irony of this whole piece. Someone asked at a meeting just last week — aren't there a lot of things being decided?"

"Absolutely not. There is nothing being decided, because there is no basis for making decisions. I can't recall for an awfully long time in our business when we've had a period of quiet such as this. Because you simply don't have the capacity to make decisions. I look around this table, and what are you? You're basically a decision making body. What can you do when your ability to make a decision has been put on hold."

Board officials including Saunders himself have been trying to get some idea of what's happening and when, from officials at the Ministry of Education, but, says Saunders, the answers have not been forthcoming.

"It seems very, very clear that the politicians have asked their staffs to keep their lips very tightly sealed about

whatever is going to happen after April 1."

The lengthy piece of legislation at the centre of all of this — the province's Bill 104 — the Fewer School Boards Act — will be in committee hearings up until the third week of this month. On the fourth week, it will go back to the house to become law.

Until that happens, however, the government doesn't seem to be prepared to answer the specific questions on implementation boards might have. The answer to most questions on local decisions — can a board proceed with building a school? what happens to boards' reserves and debts? even what will be the impact on taxes? — is that a local committee will decide. For the bigger questions, even within what latitude those local committees will oper-

ate — the answer is that those committee's boss — the provincial level education restructuring committee, will be carrying the ball.

The local committees — there will, current plans are, be one per amalgamated board — haven't been appointed yet. The provincial committee is taking shape, but hasn't hired a CEO yet. And none of this is official until the bill is enacted — potentially as early as the end of this month, in time for the nomination process.

That has affected every aspect of what the board does — including, not too surprisingly, work proceeding towards smoothing the amalgamation itself.

Says chair Cheryl Murdoch, who met with Victoria's chair two weeks

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Dunn wins Reform nomination

Coboconk-Minden OPP sergeant will run for Victoria-Haliburton in federal election

Pat Dunn, an OPP sergeant who lives in Lindsay and works out of the Coboconk-Minden detachments, has been chosen as the Reform Party candidate for the Victoria-Haliburton riding in the federal election. A standing room only crowd chose Dunn on the first ballot from among three potential candidates at the nomination meeting, held at the Moose Lodge in Lindsay, Friday evening.

Dave Gowing and John-Henry Weston, the other two candidates for the nomination, pledged their support for Dunn in his bid to become the federal Member of Parliament for Victoria-Haliburton. Addressing the members prior to the vote, Dunn expressed his confidence in the Party's success in the coming election, by cautioning the voters to choose very carefully who they supported. "After all," he said, "you are

about to choose the next Member of Parliament for this riding."

In his speech, Dunn pledged to not make any promises he couldn't keep.

"I feel very good about it (his nomination)," Dunn said, adding that he was very pleased that so many people turned out for the nomination meeting.

"It gives me a warm feeling to know that there are so many really interested people," he said.

Two of the main issues to Dunn are taxes and justice.

"Taxes because they affect everybody and justice because it is something personal to me," he said.

Dunn said that as a police officer, he believes too many convicted criminals are getting off too lightly.

"There is a lot of room for improvement and we're the party to do that," he said.



The top public speakers from Archie Stouffer Elementary School demonstrated their abilities Tuesday evening as the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion hosted the first step in the annual competition. Speakers at 'story teller', junior and intermediate levels at the school competed. Participants included: front row story tellers David Stewart, McKye Shaw-first, Kelly Mercer-third, Shawn Switzer-second, and Becky Coysh; second row, juniors, Taylor Gardner, Jasmine Wilson, Ainsley Thomas, Vanessa Davis-first, Debbie Ray-third, and Josh Wales-second; third row, intermediates, Cheryl Ripley, Caitlin Russell-first, Shawna Ray-second, Becky Wallace-third and Andrea Robinson. The top finishers in each category advanced to the next level of competition which was held March 2 at the Omeme Legion.

County appoints auditors

After listening to presentations by Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants of Haliburton and Humpage Taylor McDonald Chartered Accountants of Peterborough, Haliburton County Council went into committee of the whole to

discuss the relative merits of each firm.

Returning to open session, a motion to appoint Dawson Gray as the county's auditor was defeated. A subsequent motion to appoint Humpage Taylor McDonald as the county

auditor was carried by a nine to six vote.

The Humpage Taylor McDonald firm has been the county auditor in the past and the majority of council members seemed satisfied with the services provided.

Pioneering educational computer project turned down

The board of education did not get approval for funding of its pioneering computers in learning program this year.

The Haliburton board's TIPP project — in which students throughout grade three were given extensive access to computer assisted learning in core subjects math, science and language arts — has been admired and studied by other boards in the province in previous years, and was subsequently approved for funding across the province and in other grade levels.

The Haliburton board developed the project as part of a seven board consortium. Its own implementation was quite highly regarded, and ini-

tially unique in that it provided access equally throughout the grade level. Last year, it expanded the project, to provide the system throughout the school system, in both grades two and three.

This year, however, grant support for Haliburton's project, which is co-funded by the Ministry of

Education and private sector partner IBM, was not forthcoming.

Superintendent of education Dale Robinson said that while he was disappointed, he still believes Haliburton has developed an excellent project, and that he hopes the board will find a way to keep it going.

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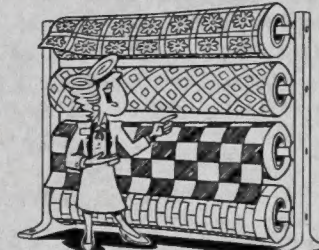
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Councillors square off over Snowdon threat

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Simmons, says however, he doesn't feel this should have become the approach. And both he and Rigney say they're not convinced the county is being entirely realistic about the problem.

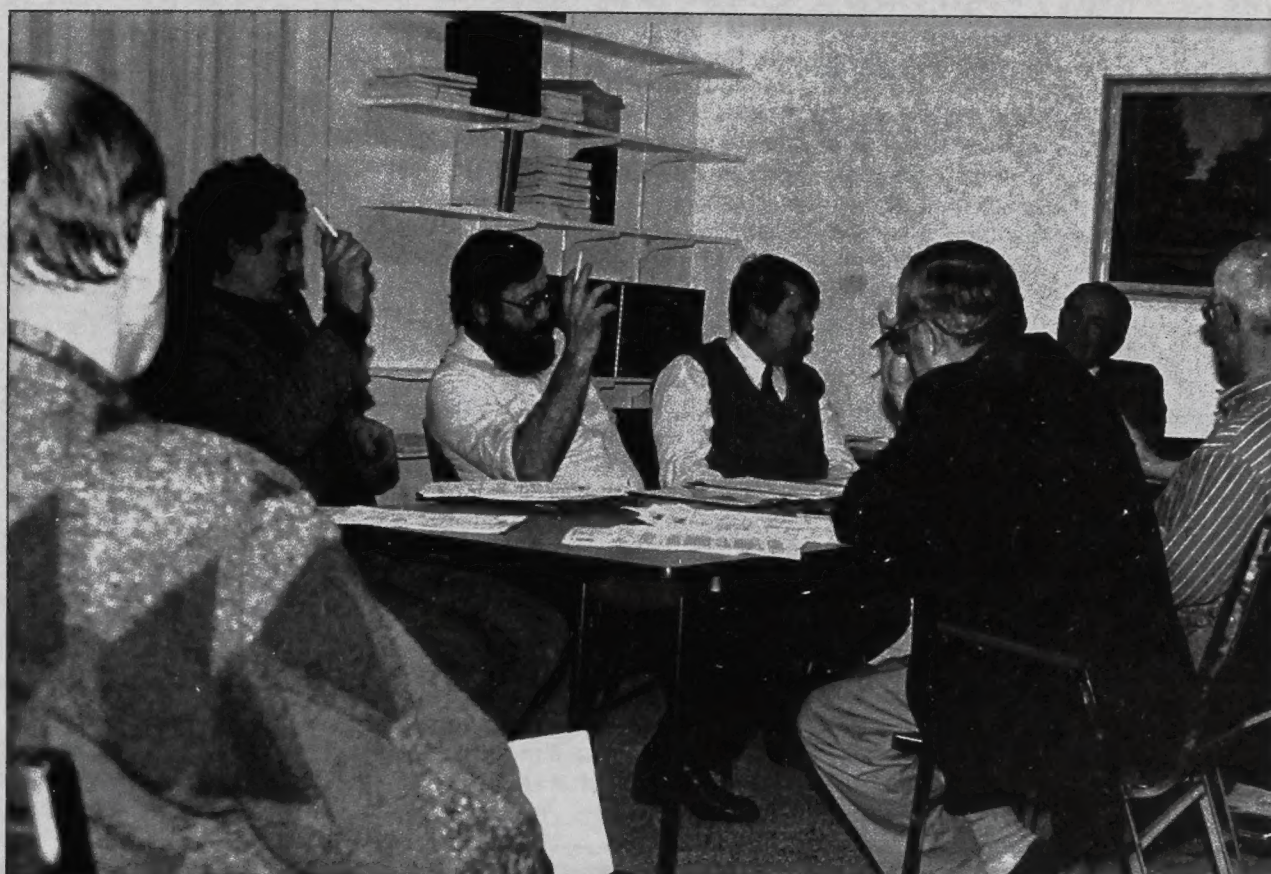
Rigney, speaking on the 60 day deadline, said he felt the decision was reasonable.

"I would like to go to the county through our reeve and see whether or not there is some real, sincere attempt by county council to try and start a process that will accommodate in reducing costs to us all, as well as perhaps effect a real move towards some amalgamation... I'd like to see for instance a real effort being made on the tax collecting as one of the examples... And if it can't happen within 60 days, then I would clearly move the motion, or second the motion. I would like to think this is their last chance — there's some optimism, some people who think the Barber report has something in it. That might be worthwhile, but the proof of the pudding will be action over the next 60 days."

The meeting got briefly heated. Much of the discussion was not between Snowdon's councillors, however, but between local council and the county representatives present.

Fearrey told Snowdon council that he did not feel bringing in the commissioner would solve anything, and that nothing county council has done so far rules out the possibility of some amalgamations being arranged mutually between municipalities on their initiative.

Said Fearrey, "The door is open for amalgamation. But there has to be some willingness on both sides to sit down and talk about that. Barber, clearly in his report indicated that yeah, maybe the townships, some of you, particularly Snowdon, could scrape by, but also indicated that you had some tough decisions ahead to do it. I can say to you this... We're talking here all the time about the downloading, what impact the downloading is going to have. Do you think bringing in the commissioner is really going to solve that? There's only so much tax base in Haliburton County. We don't know what the downloading is. In terms of



Snowdon votes to table their motion for six weeks, county warden Murray Fearrey looking on.

amalgamation, I don't think there's a person in this room who doesn't realize that something has to happen. And I think we will take positive steps."

With some further discussion, Snowdon then moved to suspend the decision, to give the county six weeks to show it is serious about making changes.

At Anthon's request, Snowdon also agreed with county councillors present that it would contact them within days with specific criteria regarding what constituted acceptable proof of commitment to the cause.

Simmons spoke in favour of an amalgamated one tier government at the beginning of the restructuring

exercise, and has since maintained that he still feels governments can and should do more than ink new cost-sharing agreements. He has also commented that he feels much of the reluctance to tamper with the legal structure of local governments might have as much to do with officials protecting their turf as anything.

Said Simmons last week, "Maybe we as politicians should have someone come in and have it done from the outside. Because one big thing about it is that the political empires in this county shouldn't dictate restructuring. And every one of us has our own little empire."

Building projects may still start in spring

(from page one)

ago, "The biggest problem, the most frustrating problem, seems to be that though we can talk about our differences and our similarities, until a local educational advisory commission is put in place we have no power to decide, for example, as an amalgamated board, will we have junior kindergarten, will we have French immersion? That group, whoever it may be, at the local level will make those decisions.

"No one seems to know who will be eligible to sit on that committee, what it will consist of, or when it will be formed. So, probably, we're assuming, we're on hold until this group sets up. And again, I think this is the most difficult thing — we're meeting with the other boards, but only for exchange of information. We have basically no power to start doing anything until this whole committee starts to sit in the spring and act and give us some direction."

Building projects

The board is attempting, insofar as it can, to proceed. It has made plans to apply to the restructuring commission for permission to proceed with the two largest projects currently on hiatus pending a decision — renovations to the high school, and the building of a new facility to replace Victoria Street School, and has informed the ministry of its intention to do so.

The need for both projects, say board members and the schools' principals, are past the point of critical. The high school is badly overcrowded, and heavily reliant on portables, with 800 students in a facility suited for 600 to 650, and a nagging shortage of, in particular, science lab space. Victoria Street — 70 years old,

built on a stone foundation, and shot through with growing maintenance and safety problems — houses 215 students, again with the aid of portables, in a building meant for 125.

The projects are on hold because the province has decreed that boards need approval from the commissions to proceed with projects requiring them to borrow money — and both projects are in this category. The high school project, of which the province will be financing around \$1.4 million is estimated to cost \$5.2 million, including the cost for renovating one existing, obsolete gymnasium to a theatre facility. The proposed Stuart Baker school to be constructed to replace aging Victoria Street, is estimated to cost \$2.3 million.

Said board business superintendent Jim Bradley last week, "We are still moving forward with the project — all the planning, all the drawings, with the high school, with the expectation that hopefully we'll all merge at the same

point, and at the time when the EIC comes along with a ruling that it will be in our favour, and we will then have all the documentation that we need to go forward. The architect has stated that he feels he can be ready to begin building in the spring. But whether that will coincide with the EIC and everything else, we don't know."

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Weavers seek permanent home for arts groups

It could be the start of a new arts and crafts centre for the Village of Minden.

That is one thing Pat Campbell and Anne MacDonald, two members of the Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild see happening if their plans for the Pritchard House pan out. (The Pritchard House, the former law office of Brian Adamson, was recently purchased by the municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden.)

Their organization would like to use the house as headquarters for the 30 member guild. "It would give us a place to set up looms on a permanent basis so that those who are interested in learning more about the craft, but who don't own a loom, would have a place to come to watch, learn and get hands-on instruction." The location would also be used for setting up spinning wheels and as a home base for the growing library of books the guild has acquired over the years.

"The guild owns three looms," MacDonald explained. "For someone interested in the craft, it can be an expensive proposition to get started." (A good used, small, loom can sell for \$500 or more.) "The larger looms take

up a great deal of space. By having a permanent location for the looms and the spinning wheels we will be able to attract more members and provide instruction to beginners."

The municipality has agreed to make the house available to the guild if the group is willing to cover the operating costs, basically the heat and hydro. Campbell points out that the entire house is more than the space required by the Guild and so it is looking for similar groups to share the facility and the costs. "The rug hookers and knitters have already expressed an interest," Campbell noted. "All the rooms on the second floor are still available and there is common space on the main floor which could be shared by all the groups."

If the Spinners and Weavers are able to find other groups to share the expenses of the building, they plan to hold an open house on the May 24th weekend. "We hope this will be a place where the whole community can become involved," MacDonald commented.

Groups interested in more details are invited to contact Anne MacDonald at 286-6002



Pat Campbell and Anne MacDonald, two members of the Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild who would like to see the Pritchard House used as a permanent location for area arts and crafts groups.

Fatal collision with dock

by Andrew Milne

A Whitby man died Saturday night when his snowmobile collided with a dock on the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake.

According to the Minden detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police the deceased is Philip J. Maynard, age 36, of Whitby.

Maynard's snow machine travelled onto shore and struck the dock. Maynard was thrown

from the vehicle, and then collided with the dock, sustaining fatal injuries.

The incident occurred in heavy fog and poor visibility that prevailed in the mild conditions through much of the weekend.

Maynard was travelling in a group of four snowmobiles in a northeast direction on the lake at the time.

Maynard was taken to the Minden Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Ceiling repaired, HHSS classroom re-opened

The high school ceiling which collapsed in December has been repaired, and the laboratory is back in use.

The collapse, in which concrete-coated tile material fell to the floor, breaking student desks beneath, fortunately occurred on a weekend, and there were no injuries. It put the lab out of commission however — no small difficulty, as the high school is already badly short of lab space.

A planned renovation is supposed to expand the school with six modern labs, but suc-

cessive policies at the provincial level — first a freeze on capital projects in 1995, and now proposed legislation to amalgamate the school boards — continue to keep it on hold. The board of education was forced to purchase another portable to handle the overcrowding after the collapse, and was rotating students through the classroom partway through periods, to spread the lab time around.

The board will be replacing the remaining ceilings of the same age in the school during the summer.

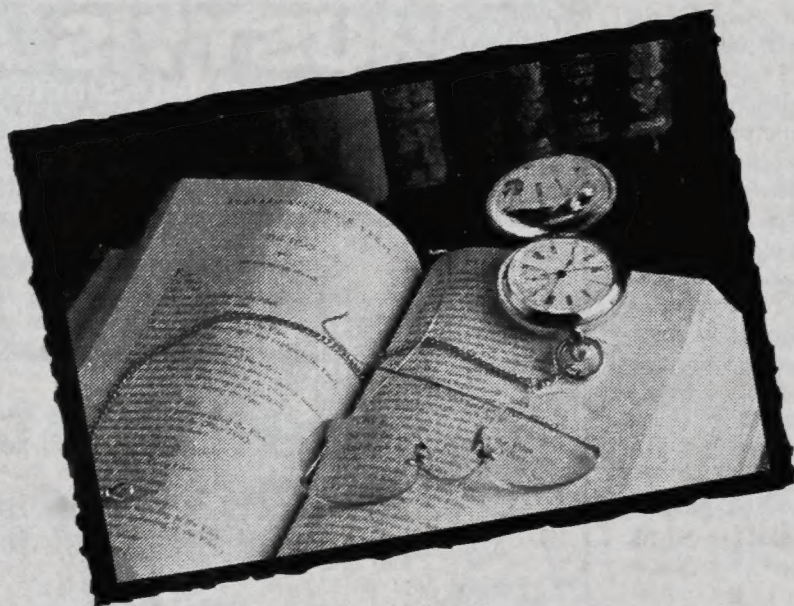
TSW issued warning

Ice is starting to rot

Trent-Severn Waterway officials have issued a warning that ice conditions are rapidly deteriorating. Recent rainfall and warmer temperatures have created unsafe ice conditions within the Severn and Haliburton watersheds, especially above and below control dams. Increasing water velocity is causing the ice cover to weaken.

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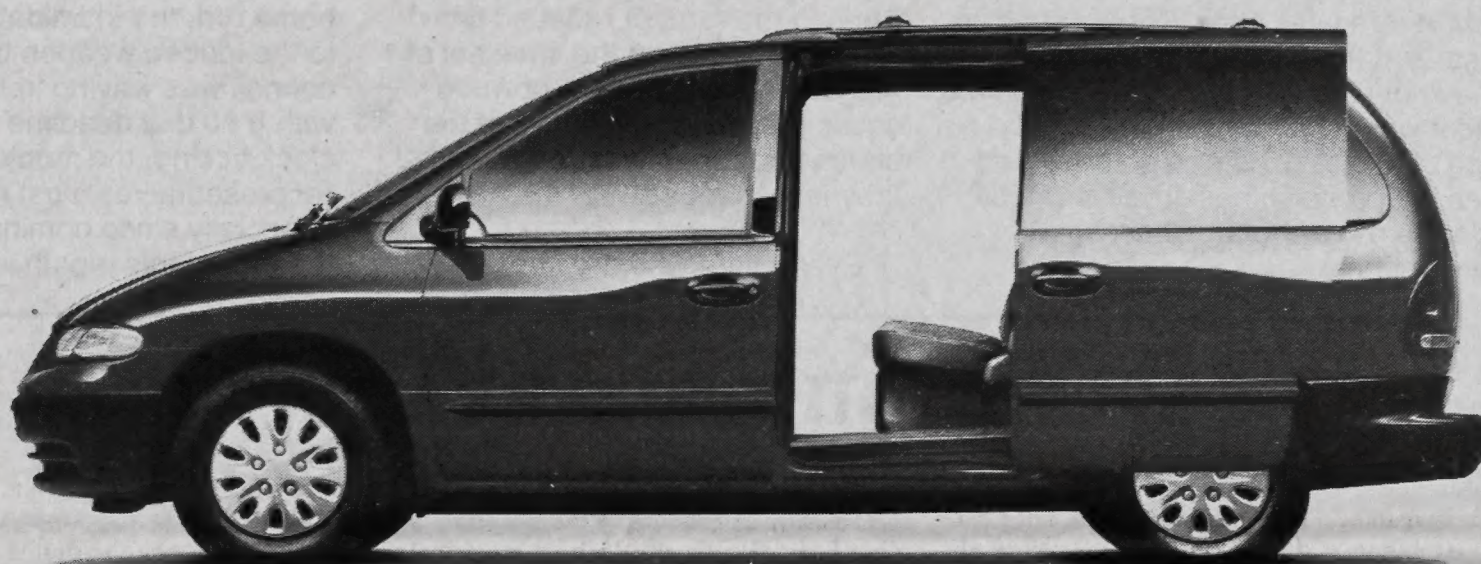
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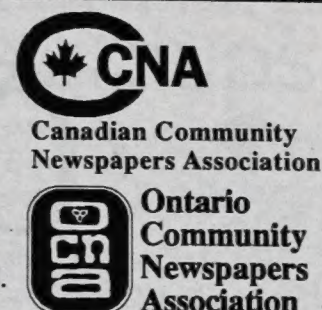
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Editorial

Big brothers come calling

It was just like the visit from bigger siblings, attempting to persuade the smaller upstart to "put down that loaded gun and listen to the advice of those who are wiser than you".

Snowdon Township Council was about to call in the provincial commissioner to give the local restructuring effort a reality check. The threat was real and the consequences would have rippled through the county like a tidal wave. The municipal restructuring commission is one of those bodies the province has created whose decisions cannot be challenged in any manner.

The Snowdon council, through its reeve George Simmons, has been a proponent of a single tier government for the county. It has watched as efforts to create a local restructuring plan evolved into a series of studies, some faint-hearted attempts at resource sharing and ever-increasing pressure from Queen's Park, in the form of reduced financial support. Being the smallest of the ten municipalities, Snowdon councillors saw little future in the status quo, and...well, we guess, they just snapped.

Even those who are supportive of

the council's position and who believe there is a need for rapid action to reorganize the way the county's municipal affairs are managed are hesitant to support the bold step proposed by the 'little brother', if only because it is certain to eliminate any chance for a local solution.

While the visit of the 'older siblings' was an intrusion that few of the participants would have tolerated on their home turf, the intimidation was equal to the loaded weapon the Snowdon council was waving in the air. Now, with a 60 day deadline set and the clock ticking, the municipal representatives must move quickly, especially since nominations open at the end of this month. **jb**

Ambulance or taxi??

Editor:

Ambulance service or glorified taxi: you be the judge.

In rural Ontario ambulance service is appalling, not because of the lack of desire by dedicated personnel, but rather because of government bureaucracy.

It is only now that ambulance personnel can administer epinephrine for acute anaphylactic shock (allergic reaction) and ventolin for acute asthma, although the general public could do this for years at home. Why did it take so long?

You're drowning, the ambulance beats the local volunteer fire department to the scene and waits for the fire department, while you drown. Sounds ludicrous. It is!! But true. Ambulance personnel have been disciplined on one hand for rescuing people in this situation and awarded on the other.

You're bleeding profusely, forty minutes from the nearest hospital and the ambulance arrives. Can a simple intravenous line be started to keep your blood pressure up until you arrive at the hospital? Not today in rural Ontario.

You're gasping for air, weakening and becoming progressively more short of breath. You need a tube to be placed in your airway to enable you to make it to that rural hospital. The ambulance arrives. Can it be done? No way!!

You're having a heart attack. You're in the ambulance enroute to the hospital. Your heart fibrillates. Without electrical shock you're going to die. Can the ambulance attendant do this? Surprisingly, yes, but only as a result of the diligent persist-

ence of one rural physician.

Government may argue that in rural areas there is not enough volume to maintain competency. Does this mean we prevent rural emergency physicians from intubating patients because they don't do it often? Absolutely not! Does this mean we don't teach CPR to people because they don't do it often? Absolutely not! Government may say that we need to "study" if having these skills makes any difference. These arguments are outrageous. Clearly it does.

In law there is a term, "res pe loquitar", meaning the case speaks for itself.

I appreciate that this government is trying to upgrade some ambulance services in larger centres. However, this is not enough! Low volume ambulance services require these skills as much, if not more, than major centres. Distances to hospitals are greater and their time to care is longer.

There need not be this dichotomy of emergency care. Pre-hospital care in rural Ontario in the 1990's is abysmal. In this Common Sense Revolution, it's time common sense prevails. Surely we won't have to teach the public these life saving skills before they arrive in your ambulance.

Rural Ontario, speak out, demand the quality of care you're entitled to!

Dr. David Fiddler
Lindsay.

Smoke signals

The following is an open letter to the Monmouth Curling Club in Wilberforce:

To whom it may concern:

Congratulations on successfully hosting your "First Annual Smoke-Free Bonspiel". It is heartening to see organizers like yourselves taking up the fight against tobacco. And it is a credit to your sponsors that they would endorse a smoke-free event, perhaps introducing a tradition that will grow larger each year. Who knows, perhaps the Canadian Briar will someday move to Wilberforce in order to participate in a sport without smoke.

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Thank you Mr. Harris and Mr. Snobelen

Editor:

In response to 'Teachers have more questions for the Minister' (Letters to the editor, February 24):

This letter has answered many questions for me. Trudy Hawthorne, a local teachers'

union representative gives us a clear example of what is wrong with our present education system.

The first question quoted has to do with what "support training will be put in place?" If Mike Harris, through Mr. Snobelen, is trying to change the system

back to practical subject learning accountability, how many of our teachers will need support to teach math, spelling, etc.?

The next snivel is about time to reform and create new courses. I now offer a crash course for teachers to live in the real world:

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2. Use the rest of your eight hour day when you are not teaching.
3. Use some of your two month summer paid vacation.
4. Use some of your Christmas and March vacation.
5. Use curriculum from the 1950's as a guide for the amount of work to be done in class each day.

6. As an example: the late Adam Smith's 11 year old students were beyond our present second year university level in math, English, grammar and all real sciences. Would you say that today's students are stupid or has the school system failed?

The worst part of the present system is that the student is being told what to think, rather than being taught how to think. How else could you explain the almost unanimous left-wing environmental propaganda that most students quote?

If the loaded questions are to be believed, it seems that course instruction time is being cut by almost 20% while mandating a career component. Does this mean that a teacher would have to teach, with less time to bombard students with a left-wing agenda? Thank you Mr. Harris and Mr. Snobelen.

Jim Battarbee,
Minden.

A right to know

Editor:

"The public has a right to know". That is the emphasis of the OSSTF campaign for education. Each week Mr. Earl Manners has been asking the Minister of Education and Training, John Snobelen a serious question. Last week it was, "What guarantee will the government make to taxpayers that costs the government defines as 'non-classroom', a total of \$2.8 billion, will not be added to their municipal taxes in addition to other costs downloaded on municipalities?"

The Ministry, through a study of education costs, has redefined the Ontario classroom; this definition was used to determine the basis for an analysis of education costs and will be used to determine what the government's commitment is to the classroom. The cost of Ontario classroom services, according to the new definition, excluded such expenditures as student support services, heating, lighting, transportation, custodial services, capital costs and school maintenance. The Minister of Education and Training has also announced that municipalities will pay for capital construction costs and provide non-instructional services.

Other questions which the communities should consider are: Is the government aware of the studies that demonstrate that out-sourcing diminishes the quality of services and increases costs? Is the government aware that out-sourcing school maintenance and custodial services may create a danger to students from casual or low-wage employees from outside agencies over which the school boards will have no personnel control?

The province must develop a realistic definition for classroom services. In addition to the teacher and supplies, all those support services that make student achievement possible must be included in the definition of funding purposes. If it is the province's intention to off-load the cost of "non-instructional" support services, there would be a potential multi-billion burden placed on the municipal tax base.

In conclusion, if the government doesn't pay the \$2.8 billion to look after the schools and students, who will?

Trudy Hawthorne
Vice President, OSSTF,
Haliburton

Equal opportunity looting and pillaging

Poor David Alan-Williams. All he really wanted to do was immerse himself in cold water for a couple of weeks, but he landed in a vat of hot water instead.

Alan-Williams is a veteran British yachtsman. Next May, he plans to re-enact the discovery of Newfoundland by sailing a replica of a 15th century sailing ship all the way from Portsmouth, England to St. John's Newfoundland.

That's what got him in hot water. Last month, Alan-Williams unveiled the nineteen-man crew he'd selected to help him make the voyage. "Man" is the operative word in that sentence—there is nary a woman on deck.

You'd think that wouldn't bother anybody. After all, there weren't any women crew members on the ships of Cabot, Champlain or Eric the Red. Alas, great umbrage was taken by various members of the British sailing frat/sorority. They denounced the skipper for sex discrimination...and then Alan-Williams really put his foot in it by declaring that women weren't tough enough to endure such a voyage.

David, David, David....where have you been living?

Are you sure that you're the veteran British sailor the newspapers say you are? Your grasp of nautical history is a little

shaky.

Haven't you heard of Madame Ching? There's a gal who could have stood the gaff—not to mention your guff. Madame Ching was a Chinese pirate who roamed the seas back in the 19th century picking off fat galleons and treasure-heavy sloops. She didn't make her captives walk the plank, she added them—and their ships—to her fleet. At one point Madame Ching commanded a flotilla of 1600 vessels.

How tough was she? Tough enough to knock off the Imperial Fleet of China. The Chinese Emperor sent his entire navy under the command of his best admiral, to capture Madame Ching. Madame Ching whipped him so thoroughly that the Admiral committed suicide in disgrace.

About the same time that Madame Ching was ruling the waves by waiving the rules, there was a comely wench by the name of Maria Cobham sailing the very North Atlantic that David Alan-Williams plans to navigate this spring.

Maria was not a nice person—even by pirates' thuggish standards. She made a habit of stabbing, poisoning and/or whipping any seaman she captured.

Unless they were officers. Maria Cobham had special treatment for officers.

She tied them to the mast and used them

for target practice.

I'd like to report that justice caught up with Maria the Pirate and that she finished her career at the end of a rope or languishing in some dungeon as a permanent guest of Her Majesty—I'd like to, but I can't. Fact is Maria Cobham plied her murderous trade for 20 years, amassed a huge fortune and retired to a lavish chateau in France.

That was not the case for Anne Bonney and Mary Read, two women who served in the crew of another pirate known as Calico Jack. Thing is, nobody aboard knew they were women—they both disguised themselves as men.

Fate caught up with Anne and Mary off the coast of Jamaica in 1720. Their ship was trapped and boarded by sailors of the British Navy. Anne and Mary fought like Banshees for hours but they were eventually disarmed and arrested. The rest of their crew was strung up. The court pardoned Mary and Anne—because they were both pregnant.

So I guess *somebody* knew there were women on board.

But anyway you cut it, Anne, Mary, Maria and Madame Ching were a tough bunch of cookies.

You've got to wonder if they ever would have considered David Alan-Williams tough enough to sail with any of them.

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Government policy results in 3% drop in car insurance rates

For many Ontario drivers, our government's reforms to auto insurance are steering rates in the right direction.

For the first time in four years, the average cost of auto insurance in Ontario is down from the previous year, thanks in part to our government's Automobile Insurance Stability Act.

Ontario's automobile insurance rates fell by three per cent in 1996—the first year-over-year decrease in four years. It is a stark contrast to the previous government's record, when rates soared nearly 30 per cent from 1993 to 1995.

The three per cent drop in rates represents a potential saving of \$160 million for Ontario consumers. The Ontario Insurance Commission has acknowledged the fourth quarter rate approvals showed an average rate reduction of 4.5 per cent. Four companies have already filed two rate reductions since the implementation of Bill 59, The Automobile Insurance Stability Act.

The Auto Insurance Rate Stability Act allows drivers to purchase only the insurance coverage they need and can afford. It also restores the rights of inno-

cent accident victims to sue for loss of income and earning capacity in excess of the no-fault benefit. Under this Act, companies are required to offer a discount to retired drivers.

To discourage fraud, three new offences have been introduced under this legislation. Also, those who possess and use false certificates of insurance can be convicted with fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for the first offence.

People who are convicted of driving without insurance will now face higher fines of up to \$25,000 for the first conviction. As well, legislation stops someone who drives or occupies an uninsured vehicle from suing for damages.

In an ongoing effort to keep rates down, the government continues to work on other aspects of auto insurance reform.

As of January 1, 1997 insurers must have implemented anti-fraud photo

record for most used vehicles. This will reduce fraudulent insurance claims such as non-existent cars reported stolen, non-existent equipment and accessories, pre-existing damages and import/export fraud.

A data-sharing network between the Ministry of

Transportation and the insurance industry is being developed to identify uninsured drivers.

The government is taking steps to reform the Facility Association, this is insurance for high risk drivers. An Industry Task Force has been set up to examine and revise a plan for this residual auto insurance market. The plan will propose a new system to replace the current four risk points system that determines who is eligible for the Facility Association.

The industry has already ended the practice of placing drivers in the Facility Association for certain lapses in coverage. The government has now stopped

the use of lapses in coverage to increase rates for good drivers.

Our government is also stepping up its efforts to help drivers. An Insurance Ombudsman will be appointed at the Ontario Insurance Commission to assist people resolve complaints against a company.

Suicide intervention meeting planned

To raise public awareness and promote community suicide prevention initiatives, a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at Victoria Manor in Lindsay. The evening will be hosted by members of the Suicide Prevention Task Force of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Council from 7 to 9 p.m.

"The Suicide Prevention Task Force has brought together a number of community agencies and volunteers in our four counties," Chairperson Barb Moffat

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Sports

All-Ontario quarterfinals

Minden midgets take 1-0 lead over Creemore

by Jerry Grozelle

The all-Ontario midget D quarterfinals between the Minden Monarchs and the Creemore Valley Hawks promises to be an exciting series. The two teams met for the first time in Minden February 23. The Monarchs had to work for a 5-2 victory in the best-of-five series opener.

The game featured plenty of end to end action, with goaltenders at both ends of the ice making some outstanding saves.

Jason Horsley put the first goal of the game on the scoreboard at the 11:30 mark of the first period when he tapped home a second rebound during a scramble in the slot in front of Creemore netminder Chris Lawrence.

The Hawks battled back to tie the game at the 3:20 mark of the middle frame. Chuck Mesley completed the three-way passing play from Sean Conner and Brad Grieveson. Six and a half minutes later, with Minden on the power play, Conner stole a cross-ice pass at the Creemore blue line and skated in alone on Minden goalie Ashley Walker. Conner made the right moves, pulling Walker to his glove side and tucking the puck into the corner.

Less than a minute and a half remained in the second period when Wayne Kernohan's blast from the point beat Lawrence and the Monarchs were back on even terms. Corey Casey assisted.

A minute and seven seconds after the opening faceoff of the third frame, Minden captain Ryan Anderson ripped a shot from the top of the faceoff circle to Lawrence's right. The shot beat him cleanly to the glove side and the Monarchs were in front 3-2.

Steve Ecclestone and Clay Davis set up the go-ahead goal. Five minutes later, Anderson was cruising in the slot when Ben Ripley fed a pass across the goal mouth. Anderson one-timed the puck past Lawrence and the home team enjoyed a 4-2 advantage. Nathan Stephenson helped set that one up.

With 1:39 remaining in the third period, the Creemore goalie was pulled to

give the Hawks an extra attacker. Seconds later, Anderson got control of the puck, passed it to Horsley, who in turn fed it to Sheamus Donnery. Donnery broke down the right wing, fought off a couple of checks and centered the shot in the open net, putting an end to any hopes the Hawks had of catching up.

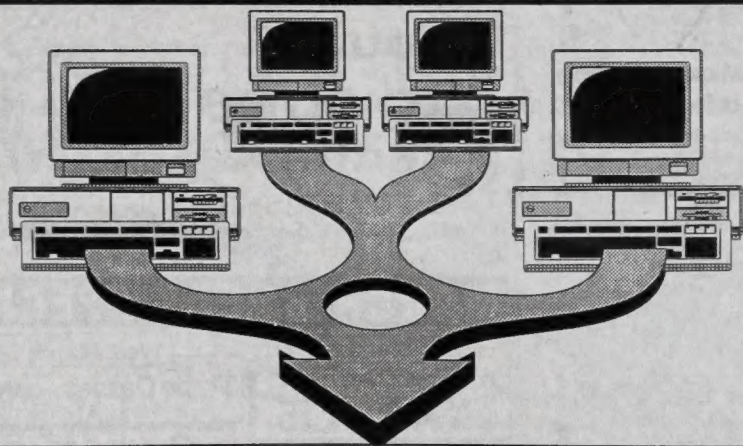
Before the game, a coin toss decided which team would have home ice advantage. Minden won the toss. Game

two was scheduled for this past Saturday (March 1) in Creemore and game three was yesterday in Minden.

Note: In last week's paper, Ashley Walker was given credit for a shutout in the series against Bobcaygeon when in fact it was Blair Johnson who earned the shutout in the Minden net. Johnson played all three games against Bobcaygeon. We apologise for the error.



POINT SHOT: Wayne Kernohan's shot from the point was initially stopped by Creemore goalie Chris Lawrence, but the puck bounced off his blocker, up over his shoulder and into the net. The Monarchs took a 1-0 series lead with the win.



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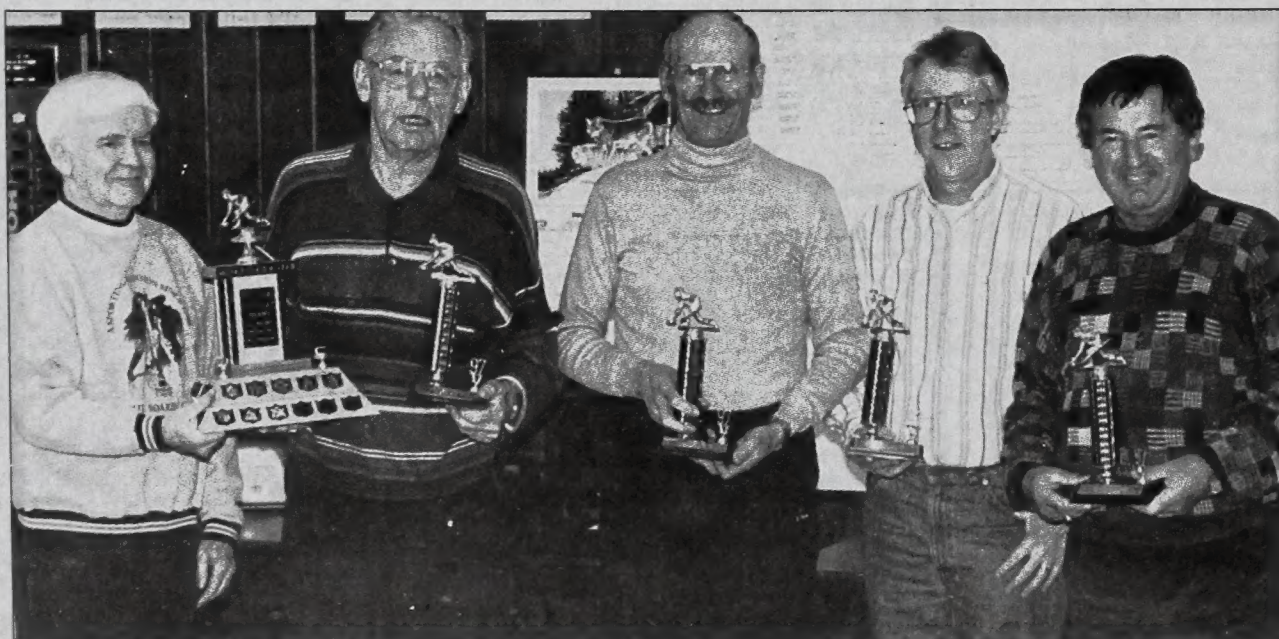
Rockbuster Bonspiel



PRENTICE-BERRY TROPHY: Minden Curling Club president Dwight Thomas (left) presents the Prentice Berry Trophy to the Toronto rink of skip Cameron McKay, vice Brian Boyle, second George Czindl and lead Rob Austin (l to r). The Avonlea Curling Club team won the A division championship of the annual Rockbuster Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club.



NORTH SHORE LAWN AND GARDEN TROPHY: Cheryl Murdoch, vice-president of the Minden Curling Club (left) presents the B division (North Shore Lawn and Garden Trophy) to the London Curling Club rink of skip Rob Eaton, vice Lloyd Davenport, second Bob Moon and lead Kevin LaPrise (l to r).



SID STAMP FUELS TROPHY: Minden Seniors Curling Club president Ted Wilkes (left) presents the Sid Stamp Fuels Trophy to the Rockbuster Bonspiel C Division champions from the Elmira Curling Club. They are (l to r): Skip Norm Clement, vice Sam Read, second Doug Adams and lead Amsey Weber.

MNR requests anglers' help with creel census

The angler creels on Twelve Mile, Boshkung, Halls, Mountain, MacDonald, Clean, Little Clean and Eyre Lakes are proceeding as scheduled. If you are out angling on any of these lakes and are approached for information on your fishing day, please give the survey personnel a hand.

"This information will help us to manage our fishery resources," says Dana Kinsman, a biologist with the Minden office of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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Atom Monarchs bow out in showdown with Newcastle

Rebounding from a loss to Newcastle in the series opener, the Minden OMHA Atom Monarchs won the next two games to take a 2-1 series lead. Newcastle won game four, setting the stage for a one-game, winner-take-all showdown Sunday, February 23 in Minden.

"Nothing was working for us," said Monarchs coach Gary Smith after the deciding game.

Minden lost the final game by a 5-2 score.

Evan Kernohan and Shane Both were the marksmen for the Monarchs in the last game.

The day before, Minden was blanked 3-0 in Newcastle, giving the visitors the momentum going into game five.

Game three, in Minden February 20 saw Newcastle tie the game at 2-2 midway through the third period. But it took

the Monarchs just 10 seconds to regain the lead and keep it for the last 7:34 of the game.

Philip Greer scored the first Minden goal near the middle of the second period. That unassisted effort tied the game at 1-1. Kolt Smith netted the second Minden goal, also in the second period. Evan Kernohan and Darrin Brown set up that go-ahead marker.

Smith was the sharpshooter who put the Monarchs in front with the game winner in the third. Greer assisted.

Minden's first win was on February 19 in Newcastle. The game was scoreless until late in the third period. With 1:51 left, Philip Greer beat the Newcastle goalie, converting a pass from Kolt Smith.

That was the lone marker of the game as Ryan Cole earned the shutout.

Novice B Monarchs blank Beaverton after giving up 4-3 loss to Manvers

Minden's Tri-County Monarchs hockey team was edged 4-3 by the home team in Manvers on Sunday, February 23. The Monarchs led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-2 at the end of two frames.

But Manvers scored two unanswered goals in the third to grab the win.

Travis Walker, Kody Smith and Mackie Campbell were the Minden snipers. Jonathan Petch and Travis Walker each picked up one assist.

Three days earlier, the Monarchs played host to Beaverton. They dominated the competition in that game, blanking Beaverton 5-0.

Sherri Walker scored the only goal of the first period, from Kody Smith.

That goal proved to be the game winner since no Beaverton player was able to get the puck past JD Crowe in the Minden net.

Sherri Walker added a second goal 24 seconds into the second period. This time Tyler Anderson and Smith assisted. With 3:03 remaining in the frame, Smith scored, from Sherri Walker, to make it 3-0. Anderson notched the fourth Minden goal 55 seconds before the buzzer sounded to end the second period.

Beaverton kept the Monarchs from adding to their score until the last minute of the third. Travis Walker netted the last goal of the game with 35 seconds left. Mac Campbell assisted.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

March is here, and that means that this is your last chance to ski this winter. So don't miss a minute of the great trails we have in this county.

There are many adaptations to be made for spring conditions.

First, if you ski classic, don't be afraid to use klister. It can be a bit messy, but it gives great results. Also, for longer tours you may wish to use waxless skis on sunny days.

Most fine days will begin cool with an icy track, but the temperature will warm and the track will soften. Choose your time of day for skiing carefully, if you have the option. Never judge the conditions too hastily as they can change from abysmal to wonderful very quickly.

Wooden skis feel great under the foot on icy March mornings, plus they hold wax well, so if your woodies are languishing in the garage, consider bringing them out for a little jaunt. This also should answer a question posed to me by a gentleman last week: "Yes, there is still a place for wooden skis in my quiver."

Spring is a great time to go skate skiing, too, because these skis are un-

affected by the changing conditions. Expect to have slow skis on wet slushy snow, but don't pressure yourself and enjoy the fine weather.

Perhaps the best skiing can be had off the beaten track in the back-country. Often a crust sets up on the snow, making travel through the bush very easy, so this is a great time of year to tour areas which might be too remote or too snowy in mid-winter.

Furthermore, the warmer nighttime temperatures make winter camping an option for your March-break vacation. Provincial parks such as Killarney and Algonquin are becoming well known for their fine back country touring opportunities, and there's no finer time than March. Skiers still can't understand why people are drawn south to hot, bug-infested tropical islands at this time of year.

Finally, do make sure you ski with friends this month. Haliburton Ski Club events are on-going (the mid-week touring group skied the Frost Centre last week with 11 in attendance). Also, the camaraderie of the trail is always lighter and more wistful near the season's end. Soon we too will live in a hot, bug-infested land.

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Playoffs start tonight

KDD finishes first overall in Minden Men's Hockey League

by Jerry Grozelle

February 24 marked the final week of the regular season for the Minden Men's Hockey Association. Kountry Double D had first place wrapped up going into the opening game of the two-game schedule. Playing against the last place Home Hardware squad didn't hurt KDD's record.

The evening's second game was a battle for second place. A win by Westside Jug City over Hartwick Construction would have given Westside second place by a single point. But the two teams battled to a draw, allowing Hartwick to remain in second place.

The outcome of that game had no effect on the playoffs since the second and third place teams will meet in the first round.

KDD 12, Home 7

The game between Kountry Double D and Home Hardware was a prelude to the first round playoff match-up. Home Hardware will have to keep pace for more than one period if the team has any hope of upsetting the league leaders.

The opening frame of the night's first contest ended in a 2-2 draw, with KDD scoring first on both occasions. KDD notched four in a row early in the second and by the end of the period Home was trailing by an 8-5 count. KDD Doubled Home 4-2 in the third for the 12-7 final.

Craig Crowe was the leading sharpshooter for KDD with six goals and two assists. Scott Hamilton scored twice and helped to set up five more. Greg Hurre netted a pair of goals and one assist. Bob VanDelst and Charlie Teljeur each helped the winning cause with one goal and five assists. Tom Miscio notched one helper.

The Home Hardware scoring was spread out, with Mike Keaney, Dean Sisson, John Walden, John Stephenson, Tom Haley, Daryl Ward and Steve McCracken netting one apiece. Richard Cormier, Dean Sisson and Keaney each picked up a pair of helpers, with singles going to Stephenson, Walden, Ward, McCracken and Derrick Moore.

Hartwick 8, Westside 8

If the night's second game is any indication of what can be expected in the first round of playoffs, the duel between Hartwick Construction and Westside Jug City should be a close series.

The last game of the regular season was a see-



DOLLO'S IGA TROPHY: Sharon Kemohan (left), past president of the Minden Curling Club, presented the Dollo's IGA Trophy to the D division winners of the Rockbuster Bonspiel to the Minden rink of, from the left, skip Don Blakey, vice Ted Wilkes, second Bill Milford and lead John Thomas.

saw battle that ended in an 8-8 deadlock.

Hartwick took a 2-0 lead into the second period and led 5-3 after two frames. Westside came on strong in the third, scoring four in a row to grab a 7-5 lead. Hartwick came back to tie the game at 7-7, only to fall behind again when Westside scored its eighth marker. Hartwick managed to salvage the tie late in the game.

Wyatt Nesbitt scored four of the Hartwick goals and assisted on one of the other four. Andrew Burk added two goals and a pair of assists. Single goals went to Ivan Ingram and Tom Bagshaw. Ingram picked up three assists and Bagshaw had a pair of helpers. Jarrett Campbell notched two assists and single helpers went to Jason Stamp and Jeff Howe.

Sheldon Stevenson scored a hat trick for Westside and added one assist. Kent Taylor added two goals and three assists. Gord Wood scored one and assisted on four. Doug Schell and Craig Phillips netted one marker apiece. Darnell Gilbert and Tony VanLieshout helped set up two goals each and

single helpers went to John Teljeur and John Ballantyne.

Playoffs

KDD and Home Hardware will take to the ice tonight (March 3) at 8 o'clock, followed by the Hartwick-Westside game at 9:30. Each series will be two games, total goals. Winners of series A will meet the winners of series B for the League championship. That will also be two games, total goals. The losing teams from each of the first two series will compete for the B division title.

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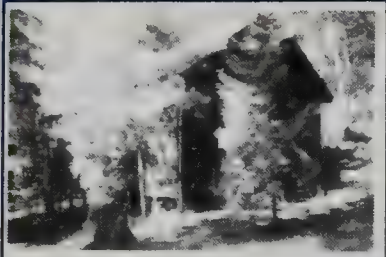
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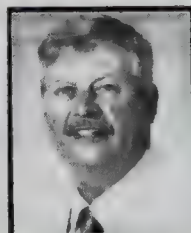
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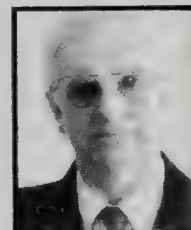
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- March 4:** General meeting of the Minden & District Horticultural Society at the Hyland Crest Auditorium. Guest speaker: Dr. Robert Heyes on lilies. 7:15 p.m.
- March 5:** Regular meeting of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School council at the school. 5:30 p.m.
- March 5:** Rails' End Gallery winter workshop at the gallery, 'Super Tote Bag'. \$20. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- March 7:** World Day of Prayer will be marked this year at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Haliburton. All welcome. 7 p.m.
- March 9:** Haliburton Highlands Concert Series presents *Contrasts Trio* featuring violinist Eduard Minevich, clarinetist Pauline Minevich and pianist Leslie De'Ath. At the Legion hall in Haliburton. Single tickets \$20, Students \$10 available at Nancy's Flowers Haliburton or Minden I.D.A.. 7:30 p.m.
- March 9:** Big Bucks Euchre & lunch, meal served at noon, cards start at 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- March 9:** Big Brothers/Sisters of Victoria/Haliburton bowl-a-thon (Bowl for Kids), at the County Bowling Centre, Minden. To participate or pledge contact Scott Moore at the County Bowling Centre, 1 p.m.

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Darrell Walker Memorial Hockey Tournament

Hounds win A championship

The eighth annual Darrell Walker Memorial Hockey Tournament took place at the Minden Community Centre on February 15. Four teams from around Haliburton County and four teams from the Oshawa area competed in the one-day tournament.

Two local teams, the Hounds and Spade's Devils squared off for the A championship. The Hounds pulled out all the stops, thumping the Devils 10-1 to win the championship.

The Hounds beat West Guilford and the Oshawa Scrubbies on the way to the championship game. The Devils defeated Miscio Construction and The Hood to advance.

Lear Sharks of Oshawa won the B championship 3-2 over the Oshawa Scrubbies in overtime. That game proved to be the most exciting of the tournament.

At the end of regulation time, the

score was tied at 2-2. Overtime rules stated that each team lost one player after each minute of play.

When it got down to one skater for each team, the Scrubbies pulled their goalie for the second attacker. The move backfired when the Sharks scored into the empty net with 14 seconds showing on the clock.

The Sharks lost their first game to The Hood and then beat Miscio Construction to earn a berth in the B championship. The Scrubbies lost to the Hounds and then defeated the Lear Chiefs on the way to the B championship.

Craig Crowe of Spade's Devils was the player with the most points in the first two games. His nine points earned him a Molson sports bag and hat.

Troy Crowder of the Hounds was chosen most Valuable Player of the A division. He received a trophy, which



INTO THE CAGE: The hounds add one to their total in the A championship final against Spade's Devils.

was donated by Lorie Burke and a hat from Lear Seating in Oshawa.

MVP of the B division was Ed Oakes of the Sharks, who was presented with the G. Smith and Sons Trophy.

Most Valuable Goaltender of the A division was Newfer Burk of the

Hounds. He received a trophy donated by Tammy Smith and a golf shirt donated by Lear Seating.

Kevin Smith of the Sharks received a trophy donated by Sonya's Unisex Hairstyling of Minden as the Most Valuable Goaltender of the B division.

Atom A Monarchs finalists at Bobcaygeon tournament

Minden's OMHA atom Monarchs were championship finalists at the Bobcaygeon Atom Hockey Tournament February 14 to 16.

The Monarchs won four straight games to earn a berth in the championship final against Millbrook.

In their opener, the Monarchs skated to a 7-2 victory over Peterborough. Minden trailed 2-1 going into the third period, but came alive in the final seven and a half minutes, scoring six unanswered goals.

Kolt Smith scored a natural hat trick, the last three goals of the game. Evan Kernohan notched the first two Minden goals, with Philip Greer netting the game winner and Darrin Brown adding one. Mark Fisher, Kernohan and Kevin Walker each picked up a pair of assists, with single helpers going to Chad Carpenter, Smith and Fisher.

Minden's second game, against Campbellford, went into overtime. The overtime was played in one-minute sessions. If no goal was scored by the end of the minute, a player was pulled from each team.

The teams were down to two skaters each when Greer scored, just four seconds after the faceoff to give the Monarchs a 4-3 win. Fisher, Walker and Lance Aggett scored one each for Minden during regulation time. Smith, Walker, Kernohan and Brown each had

one assist.

Game three for the Monarchs was the first of three on Sunday, February 16. The opposition squad was from Orillia, but the Minden boys didn't find much resistance from the Orillia team. The final score was 8-1 in favour of the Monarchs. The single Orillia goal in the third period spoiled Ryan Cole's shutout bid.

Kernohan notched two goals and two assists. Brown netted two goals and one helper. Walker scored one and helped set up two. Greer, Smith and Fisher each contributed to the win with a goal and one assist. Matt Allore picked up one assist.

A come-from-behind win against Ennismore advanced Minden to the championship final. After falling behind 1-0 in the second period, Kernohan evened the score midway through the third. Greer and Brown assisted.

Smith ripped a slap shot past the Ennismore goalie with 3:47 left in the third to give Minden the 2-1 win. Brown and Chad Carpenter set up the game winner.

The championship game against Millbrook saw Smith open the scoring at the 4:51 mark of the first period, from Kernohan and Walker.

Millbrook tied it up with 1:51 remaining in the frame, then went ahead 2-1 with the only goal of the second.

Millbrook added two more in the third for a 4-1 advantage.

Greer scored with 1:32 left, cutting the Millbrook lead to 4-2. Walker and Shane Both assisted. Smith's second goal of the game, with 23 seconds left, put the Monarchs within one of Millbrook. Greer picked up the assist.

With Cole sitting on the bench in favour of an extra attacker, Millbrook put one into the empty net with 12 seconds showing on the clock, to ice the win.

"Even when we were down, the boys never gave up," said coach Gary Smith. "They played well throughout the whole tournament."

Smith offered a special thanks to Darrin Brown, who was recruited from the novice A Monarchs to help bolster the team for the tournament.

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Tyke A Monarchs down Cannington Kings 3-1

by Donna Fry

The Cannington Kings major tykes came to Minden on Sunday, February 23 to take on the Monarchs.

The Minden team was short a few defencemen, but the Monarchs were all fired up to tangle with their rivals.

Early in the first period, Sherri Walker fired one past the Cannington netminder on a perfect pass from Brady Hicks, giving Minden a 1-0 lead. Derek Carpenter had an excellent chance near the end of the first, but the Cannington goalie came up with the save. Matt Clements let a slap shot go from the point that the Cannington netminder pounced on just in the nick of time.

Cannington came out strong in the second frame. Minden's defence was tied up at the boards when the puck came out to a Cannington player who

was in the clear. This time it was Minden goalie Mike Lennox's turn to shine. He made the save to preserve the Monarchs' lead.

Sherri Walker was stopped on a breakaway, Billy Kulas was robbed on a wrap-around attempt and Matthew Eno's backhand from close range was saved. Finally, near the end of the middle period, Hicks broke through the Cannington defence, waited for the goalie to go down and poked the puck in behind him. That gave Minden a 2-0 lead going into the third frame.

More close calls highlighted the third. Jordan Joanu just missed on a rebound attempt when the referee lost sight of the puck and stopped the play.

Cannington came right back and scored, cutting the Minden lead to 2-1 with eight minutes left in the game.

Both teams were showing signs of pressure by the middle of the third period. Kyle Fry and Matt Clements, tired from playing nearly the entire game, worked hard to keep the puck in the Cannington end. Brady Hicks was robbed on another breakaway before Sherri Walker broke through three Cannington players, waited for the perfect opportunity and fired the shot into the net.

That goal was the last of the game and the Monarchs earned the 3-1 win.

MNR doesn't recommend feeding deer this winter

Many people are concerned about the health of local deer herds and their ability to find enough food during the winter. Fortunately, deer are well-adapted for cold weather survival and they are having little trouble coping with the conditions in the Minden area this winter.

As a result, the Ministry of Natural Resources is not recommending any emergency deer feeding by private citizens or groups at this time. Instead, MNR is advising two other courses of action for people interested in aiding local deer herds this winter.

Snowmobilers can assist by breaking trails and helping keep them open in the wintering areas used by deer (which are, known as "deer yards"). Maps of the trails traditionally used by herds in local deer yards can be obtained at the MNR office in Minden.

Landowners can assist local deer herds by maintaining forest clearings on their properties to provide access to deciduous twigs and boughs of cedar and hemlock.

Both these measures can make it easier for deer to locate food and access it at this time of year.

For further information on the status of local deer herds and what individuals can do to assist, please contact the MNR's Minden Area office at (705) 286-1521.

Northern Connections used as model for suicide intervention programs

(from page 8)

explained. "Our goal is to reduce the impact of fatal and non-fatal suicidal behaviour on individuals, families and communities. We believe we can achieve this through community consultations and by aiding in the co-ordination of a full range of suicide prevention activities and services." Moffat, a veteran in all aspects of suicide intervention, prevention and postvention, has facilitated programs for the past 11 years. "Suicides have an impact on individuals and the entire community. Often, the community as a whole will experience fear, guilt, anger and sadness. It is for these reasons that we need to give communities effective mechanisms to deal with suicide," states Moffat.

To encourage community involvement and provide a mechanism for change, Mr. Peter Jones and Reverend Dave Campbell will be present to share with interested citizens the success of a community-driven suicide awareness committee and a prevention initiative known as Northern Connections.

"It was the trend of suicides and lack of information in our community that set our project in motion," states Peter Jones, health promotions co-

ordinator for Northern Connections. In January of 1995, local residents met to discuss issues related to suicide. It was Reverend David Campbell who took the initiative to contact community members to gauge the interest in forming a Committee of Suicide Awareness. In his congregation there were survivors and people who were trying to deal with the aftermath of suicide. "I sensed community frustration with the frequent suicides in the area," said Reverend Campbell. The first meeting set the stage for community outreach as residents created plans of action for suicide intervention and prevention. The group has hosted two suicide intervention workshops for area residents, implemented a local Telecare line in co-operation with Telecare Lindsay and Peterborough and has presented information sessions to a number of community groups including Sir Sandford Fleming College and I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay.

Individuals interested in learning about the Suicide Prevention Task Force or establishing a suicide prevention program for their community are invited to attend the meeting or contact Barb Moffat at 705-748-2992.

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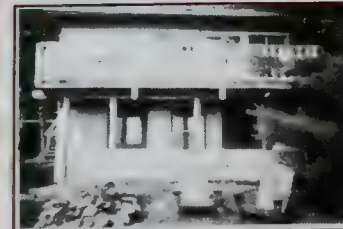
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Mighty C Monarchs win two, tie one

Three games in four days saw Minden's Mighty C tyke Monarchs win two hockey games and tie one.

An evening game in Oakwood against the Mariposa 1 team on Thursday, February 20 ended in a 4-0 win for the Mighty C squad. The Monarchs came out flying, scoring two goals in the first period and holding the opposition at bay for the rest of the game.

Edward Cyr notched the first goal, from Brent Doiron and Dean Hutchison. The second marker was scored by Stephen Roome, assisted by Jared Mills.

The Minden team was just as pumped for the middle frame, adding two more to the visitors' side of the scoreboard.

Mills was the marksman for Minden's third goal, from Doiron and Tanner Graham. Mike Toye rounded out the scoring, with assists going to Roome and Doiron.

Steve Kerr earned the shutout in the Minden net.

Two days later, the Monarchs went to Fenelon Falls and came home with a 1-1 tie for their efforts.

It wasn't until the second period when the hometown Flyers opened the game's scoring.

Tanner Graham found an open corner with his shot to tie the game. Cyr and Roome assisted.

Back on home ice on Sunday, February 23, the Monarchs played a much stronger game against the Flyers. They went on a scoring rampage, defeating the Fenelon Falls team 7-2.

Edward Cyr was the leading sharpshooter with four goals and one assist. Tanner Graham notched two goals and two assists. Steve Kerr netted one goal and assisted on one more. Other assists went to Paddy Manuge, Dean Hutchison, Mike Toye and Brent Doiron, with two apiece and Jared Mills, with one.

Ron Robinson rolls 282 single

Legion 636 Mixed League

(February 24)

High average: Georgina Parkes 163; Fred Knight 199
High single: Vina Dredge 220; Frank Sargent 189
High single (handicap): Vina Dredge 283; Frank Sargent 260
High triple: Vina Dredge 505; Frank Sargent 532
High triple (handicap): Joanne Brown 712; Frank Sargent 701

Monday Night Mixed League

(February 24)

High average: Marlene Robinson 205; Scott Moore 223
High single: Brenda Doiron 247; Ron Robinson 282
High single (handicap): Brenda Doiron 297; Ron Robinson 301
High triple: Marlene Robinson 589; Ron Robinson 747
High triple (handicap): Brenda Doiron 697; Ron Robinson 804

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors League

(February 25)

High average: Eleanor Young 180; Walter Stegmaier 205
High single: Eleanor Young 266; Walter Stegmaier 234
High single (handicap): Eleanor Young 304; Ed Fox 303
High triple: Eleanor Young 664; Bob Bullen 601
High triple (handicap): Pat Stegmaier 784; Ed Fox 742

Tuesday Night Mixed League

(February 25)

High average: Cathy Snell 203; Scott Moore 218
High single: Alice Balcombe 237; Scott Moore 237
High single (handicap): Alice Balcombe 287; Norm Goldenberg 262
High triple: Alice Balcombe 561; Norm Goldenberg 645
High triple (handicap): Alice Balcombe 711; Norm Goldenberg 726

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League

(February 27)

High average: Edith Alzner 172; Ray Lymer 192
High single: Millie Boskett 249; Lloyd Boskett 239
High single (handicap): Millie Boskett 304; Lloyd Boskett 285
High triple: Eleanor Lymer 538; Jerry Warren 596
High triple (handicap): Shirley Howe 744; John Mackey 740

Peewee Robert Cox rolls 121 single

Youth Bowling Council

(For the week ending February 22)

Peewee

High single: Tori Brown 93; Robert Cox 121
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Bantam

High single: Rebecca Neave 112; Kyle Burley 205
High triple: Rebecca Neave 280; Kyle Burley 516

Junior/Senior

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High triple: Matt Reinwald 571

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The Family Twosome House Round was bowled Sunday, February 23 at the County Bowling Centre with the following winners recorded:

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Sir Sandford Fleming College President Brian Desbiens (left) joins Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson and Trent University President Dr. Leonard Connolly (right) after signing partnership agreements to develop ecological approaches to natural resource management.

Hodgson signs environmental partnership agreements

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson has signed partnership agreements with Sir Sandford Fleming College and Trent University to develop ecological approaches to natural resource management.

The agreements formalize the good working relationship that MNR has enjoyed with both Sir Sandford Fleming and Trent over the years and call for all three to work together toward a common goal of achieving sustainable development in Ontario.

"MNR, Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College are all committed to improving natural resource management in Ontario," Hodgson said. "Through these agreements we will be able to increase our effectiveness."

The agreements were signed recently in Robinson Place, the new MNR main office, located in downtown Peterborough. Joining Hodgson at the signing were Fleming President Brian Desbiens, Board of Governors Chair Roger Cook and Trent President Dr. Leonard Connolly and Chair Jalyann H. Bennett. Invited guests included Peterborough Mayor Jack Doris and Peterborough MPP Gary Stewart.

A partnership agreement with Fleming College establishes the Ecological Sustainability Institute (ESI). The ESI will support environmentally sustainable economic development by encouraging and developing natural resource management services and educa-

tion training. ESI will work with private-sector, academic and other partners to develop new opportunities in natural resource management.

"The formation of the ESI is an exciting opportunity for both partners to make available to the world a very high level of management, education and training in the natural resources field," said Fleming President Desbiens.

A partnership agreement with Trent University and Fleming College establishes a Watershed Science Centre that will have the capability (which does not now exist in a single Ontario institution) to address large scale, long-term watershed problems. The centre will look into such issues as urbanization, rehabilitation of degraded terrestrial and aquatic systems, sustainable resource use, and methods of assessing ecosystem health.

"I am delighted that Trent's expertise in environmental studies has contributed to a mutually-beneficial relationship for all three partners, and especially for our students," said Trent University President Leonard Connolly. "Such partnerships with the public and private sector are key to Trent's progressive developments in research and teaching."

The centre will be located at Trent University, and initially it will be administered by a director who will be selected from among the staff of the partners.

Minden curling news

by Sandy Cole

Curling news for the week of February 17 to 23.

Monday Night Ladies League

Elaine Blakey 11, M.J. Irwin 6
Nancy Garbutt 8, Pat Woodcroft 8
Dana Kinsman 11, Cheryl Murdoch 1

Tuesday Night Men's League

Bob Pollard 6, Jim Garbutt 2
Gord Wood 4, Russ Duhaime 2
Ross Wray 7, Ross Petch 1
Bill Roodenburg 6, Don Blakey 6
Paul Prentice 7, Dwight Thomas 3

Thursday Night Mixed League

Cheryl Murdoch 9, Keith Fountain 1
Gord Wood 7, Alf Trotter 7

Dan Garbutt 10, Brian Cross 8
Bob Pollard 8, Ted Wilkes 3

Friday Night Mixed League

Don Blakey 10, Bill Roodenburg 7
Jim Garbutt 6, Cheryl Murdoch 5
Paul Prentice 8, Mark Lund 0
Jack Brezina 9, Zelda Cooper 5

Events

Congratulations to all who participated in the "Rockbuster" men's bonspiel on February 21, 22 and 23. This event was a booming success again this year, with three days of great curling to be seen. Hats off to all the organizers, workers and sponsors. This event would not have been the success it was without all of your hard work and dedication.

The annual in-club "Straw and Stone" bonspiel will be held on March 7 and 8. Spectators should get a good seat for this event as it should be a fantastic weekend of fun and curling.

Attention ladies: The "Sweep into Spring" bonspiel is on March 21 and 22. Don't be left out of the fun. Sign up your team at the club today!



County of Haliburton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 26 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AS AMENDED BY BILL 86

Notice is hereby given of a Public Meeting to be held on the date, time and location as follows:

MARCH 19, 1997

11:00 A.M.

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Maud Coulter, one of the more senior members of the Minden Women's Institute, had the honour of lighting the anniversary candle at the February meeting. At the right, many of the members of the W.I. donned old-fashioned costumes for the special occasion. Minden Women's Institute members include, from the left, seated, treasurer Mary Wilson, president Jean Cox and secretary Mary Cox; standing, Freda Hulbig, Nancy Gayton, Bette Herlihey, Irene Moore, Elva Deacon, Beaulah Hewitt, Bea Berry, Maud Coulter, Jeanne Sears and Mabel Deacon. Other members include: Shirley Cox, Gala Stamp, Marjorie Coulter, and Doris Grant.



Minden Women's Institute marks provincial centennial

On February 19, all over the province, Women's Institute branches met to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the provincial organization.

Members of the Minden W.I. joined in the special day as a senior member, Maud Coulter lit the anniversary candle at the opening of the meeting which was held in the common room at The Terrace.

President Jean Cox welcomed all the guests and brought greetings from others who were unable to attend. The roll call was answered by members and guests describing how they had benefited by being a W.I. member.

Minutes of the first W.I. meeting were read by secretary Mary Cox. Our motto is 'celebrate the past, Challenge the Future'.

Many of the members attended dressed in old-fash-

ioned costumes and some provided an amusing skit. A special collection was taken for headquarters and the usual Pennies for Friendship to be forwarded to the Associated Country Women of the World for their work.

A brief history of the Ontario W.I. was read and a new book, 'or Home and County' a hoistory of the organization is available from the secretary.

Following the meeting we all enjoyed an old-fashioned lunch including sandwiches, johnny cake with maple syrup, ginger bread and topping, cookies and tea and coffee. The winners of the door prizes were Mabel Deacon and Nancy Gayton.

The next meeting will be at the Minden library common room March 19 at 2 p.m. with all ladies welcome.



Becky Wallace places second in Legion Remembrance Day poetry competition

Royal Canadian Legion deputy zone commander Don McCumber presents a certificate to Becky Wallace, with the assistance of Minden Legion Branch 636 first vice-president Francine Newton. Becky earned second place honours in the intermediate division, District F, for her Remembrance Day poem. Becky finished first at the branch and zone levels with her poem as well as first in black and white poster and essay at



the branch level. There are 13 branches within Zone 4F and a total of 55 branches within the five Zones. This is the first time anyone from the Minden area has advanced as far in the intermediate competition. Her award winning poem is reprinted at the right.

Remembrance Day Poem

I once searched the mail in hopes for letters,
From my brother at war.
Now I know why I found none at all.
He was discovered washed up at shore.
I never knew how much grief,
One piece of paper could bring.
But when I read the telegram,
My eyes and heart began to sting.
All his hopes, his dreams, his future,
Vanished at his death.
He had no choice but to lay down his life and rest.

We paid the price for peace,
By losing many precious souls.
I guess, to have to war,
Even that has its toll.

Though he's passed,
I still feel a part of him.
He's gone from my home,
But not my heart.

In memory for those who fought,
Who gave their life for peace.
My love and appreciation for those,
Will never cease.

Canada Remembers.

by Becky Wallace

Kudos for after-hours place for teens

Wild Oat Arts Cafe

by student reporter Sue Carr

"What are we gonna do?" has always been a familiar refrain among teenagers living in Haliburton County.

Minden, Haliburton, and the many small towns that surround these two larger centres are nice places to raise a family, but for enthusiastic teenagers who crave late night excitement, the county seems to have little to offer.

Recently, teenagers have been given an alternative to driving the empty streets of town.

Finally, we have somewhere to go, and, being one of the only establishments open to minors after six o'clock, it's sure to be packed.

The place is called The Wild Oat Arts Cafe, but students have been calling it 'the cafe', or more simply, 'the caff'.

Though more suited for art-loving adults, The Wild Oat has appealed to the teenage crowd as well, because of features like Open Stage nights held every other Saturday, and a warehouse containing over 1000 records. Requests from this collection are welcome at any time.

Open Stage night has been successful, with many local bands playing, but it would be nice to see some of the several bands made up of HHSS students displaying their talents as well. Check at The Wild Oat for the next Open Stage night.

Rhonda Maguire and her family, who own the Wild Oat, are new residents in Haliburton, but the building the cafe is situated in has roots going back over a century. Formerly Banks General Store, located on Pine Street, it is believed the building was built in the 1870's, a few years after the land was bought by the Canadian Land & Immigration Company from the Queen in 1866.

The Wild Oat Cafe has an atmosphere that showcases the history of the building. Local artisans are welcome to sell their work there, and antiques are displayed and greatly enhance the vintage decor.

The cafe doesn't sell meals, but the triple chocolate muffins are incredibly filling, and the Hot Chocolate Dream (a hot chocolate with a frothy milk topping) is delicious.

Besides offering a really good cup of cappuccino, it is one of the few places in the county teenagers can go after 6 p.m. I wonder how long it will be before a similar place opens in Minden?

Lions loot

Kim Kuni, left, and Marg Miller picked up some unexpected cash Friday as the co-chairman of the Minden Lions Club Luxury Draw, Maurice Boyd, distributed a few of the prizes from the February draw. Kim was the grand prize winner with \$1000 while Marg won \$100. Also receiving prizes in the latest draw were Hannelore Casper-\$500 and Marg and Reg Aubert-\$200.



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Spirited week at HHSS

by HHSS student reporter Sue Carr

That time of year has come again. The time when the snow starts getting on everyone's nerves.

The time when boredom and restlessness hangs over everyone's heads.

And the time when students start really looking forward to March Break.

This time of complaint is called "February" and the feeling of lethargy during this time is known as the "February Blahs". With good reason.

At HHSS the Student Activity Council (SAC) seems to know all about these February Blahs. In order to combat the mood that sees all students rushing for home the second the bell rings, the group of SAC members has organized the annual Spirit Week.

Spirit Week has been occurring at HHSS for many years now. It's always held in February, but traditions have changed since its debut. Carnival Day, which saw students participating in different activities such as skiing, swimming and curling, was cancelled three years ago due to lack of interest.

However, some traditions have stayed the same. "Pyjama Day" in which students come to school in bathrobes and flannels, still seems to be the most popular day of all. Not a big surprise.

This year's Spirit Week actually started on Valentine's Day, when the SAC asked the school body to dress in red. The halls were a sea of crimson, as most students and teachers own at least one piece of red clothing.

Monday was "Hat Day", a day when the "no hats" rule is slightly bent. Tuesday was too cold for "A day at the beach", but nonetheless, several students (and Mr. Dibblee) were seen in shorts and sandals. Wednesday was "Dress as you did in Grade 5" and Mr. Bertelsen's inside out shirt was a nice touch. Thurs-



Pyjama-clad students Nikki Gauley, Kristen Schakelaar, Rachel Levis and Alison Kennedy ham it up during Spirit Week at HHSS

day was "Pyjama Day" and Friday was "Teachers Dress Up, Students Dress Down Day."

The second annual dance-a-thon had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Spirit week may not have generated as much spirit as in past years, but it seemed that there were more smiles on the faces of both dressed up students and dressed down teachers.

Skin care for pets

Kimberley Joyce, DVM

Constant scratching is troublesome for pet and owner alike. Although occasional itching is harmless, constant itching causes hair loss, skin damage and serious infections. There are numerous causes for itching that include parasites, bacterial overgrowth, fungus, allergies, and dry skin. The following information has been prepared to provide you with the safest and most effective remedies available. Although these products may not be 100% effective individually, combining two or more of the treatments listed below may significantly reduce itchiness.

The hidden itch

All too often, fleas are the source of the itch. The reason being that many animals are highly sensitized to flea saliva and one bite is all it takes. That means that you may never actually see the flea on your pet. Take preventative action this summer. Newer products are becoming available that will kill fleas on contact as well as prevent their reproduction. In addition to powders, mousses, sprays, and medicated collars, veterinarians can prescribe tablets, liquids and pour-on formulations. The best products are safe and long lasting. Your veterinarian can develop a program to suit your needs. Give your pet and yourself a break this year, and prevent fleas altogether.

Mites and lice are another cause of itching. These micro-

scopic biting creatures can live on the body and cause extreme itchiness. Appropriate medical treatment is the only solution.

Soothe the skin

A cool water bath does wonders for itchy skin. Warm water only adds to the itch. Ask your veterinarian or groomer about the best and easiest way to bathe your cat or dog.

Dry skin benefits most from colloidal oatmeal baths. Aim to keep your pet in the bath for a full ten minutes to achieve the maximum benefit. You will extend the benefits of bathing by using an after bath moisturizing rinse. While drying, keep your pet warm and away from drafts. Avoid excessive heat. Dry your pet promptly as wet warm skin promotes rashes and bacterial growth.

Medicated shampoos are prescribed on an individual basis. For example, seborrhoea is a condition that results from an abnormality in oil production and increased flake production. If your pet was diagnosed with this condition, it would require a sulphur and salicylic acid shampoo.

Please remember that human shampoos and soaps are not meant for animals. The pH of an animal's skin is much more alkaline. By using an inappropriate shampoo you might worsen the situation. Please consult your veterinarian or groomer regarding the appropriate shampoo and conditioner for your pet.

(More on skin problems next time.)



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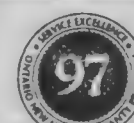
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Busy time at Ridgewood during Spirit Week

by student reporters Nadia Suckling, Kim Georgiadis and Kelly Fraser

It was a colourful and fun week at Ridgewood Public School as the student body and staff celebrated Spirit Week.

On Monday, students dressed in Valentines colours. The vice principal, Mr. Adams looked outrageous! He was wearing red long underwear. Everyone got into the spirit of the week by representing their house league.

On Tuesday students from Kindergarten to Grade Six went skating at the Fenelon falls Arena. The older students helped the younger ones, assisting them so they wouldn't fall.

Wednesday was winter activity day. There were games such as octopus, sled races, and an obstacle



Co-ordination problems in the team skiing event

course. After the events were finished, everyone enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate.

Indoor activities were the order of the day on Thursday. The games in the gym included bean bag bowling, scooters, bean bag toss and hoola hoola.

The big day was February 14, Valentines Day. The grade seven and eight students held a dance in the gym. In the afternoon, students from grades one through six went on a scavenger hunt. Rather than looking for objects, they had to uncover answers to questions about teachers and students.

Judging by all the excitement generated this year, we are sure the students can't wait for next year's Spirit Week.



Skating buddies at the arena.

Kindergarten student Curtis Goodhand rounds the corner in the indoor scooter race.



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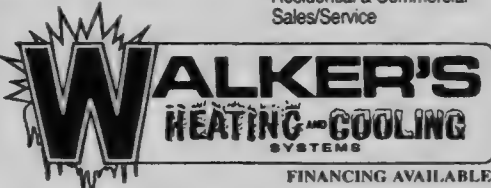
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New priest looking forward to serving the Catholic community

Father Bob Fellion says he's happy to be here. The new priest at Our Lady of Fatima in Minden and St. Patrick's in Kinmount arrived in January and so far he likes what he sees.

"The two congregations are very active. It's a very spiritual parish, as I see it. Many are in a special spiritual group they call Cursillo," the new priest said.

"I don't expect to change much. I'm just going to be here to serve the people, and I expect the needs will reveal themselves as we go along."

Fellion joined the priesthood later than most, entering the ministry in his forties. He marked his 55th birthday last week.

He chuckles. "I'd actually thought about it for many years, but I never really thought I was good enough. You've got to pretty good in this business, you know."

Fellion first served in Campbellford, worked as an associate pastor for three and a half years in Cobourg, then moved to the Honey Harbour/Port Severn parish, near Georgian Bay and the Martyrs' Shrine at St. Marie Among the Hurons in Midland.

He says he hopes to be in Minden until he retires, at least ten years.

"You get tired of moving," he says, laughing. "I'd really like to get to know the people, and settle



Father Bob Fellion, leading the Roman Catholic parishes in Minden and Kinmount.

down." And the two communities of Minden and Kinmount are ready to make that wish come true.

Trio will perform at final concert of the season

The final performance in this year's Haliburton Highlands Concert Series will take place Sunday, March 9 at the Haliburton Legion Hall.

Three outstanding instrumentalists are on the program: clarinetist Pauline Minevich, violinist Eduard Minevich and pianist Leslie De'Ath. The performers will present a lively and varied program which will include compositions by Gershwin, Mozart, Brahms, Bartok as well as Gypsy airs. The evening will feature solo performances, duets and the three musicians performing to-

gether. All three are members of the faculty of music at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo.

Tickets, priced at \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, are available from Minden IDA and Nancy's Flowers in Haliburton. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Pauline Minevich, Leslie De'Ath and Eduard Minevich, right, perform Sunday March 9 at the Haliburton Legion.



Well-travelled scarecrow

Jim Minto, the son of Ian and Mary Minto of Minden, displays his Scarecrow which was awarded first place in a special section of the children's competition last summer at the Haliburton County Fall Fair. Jim's entry also had the honour of representing the Haliburton County Agricultural Society in displays at the district meeting in Lindsay last October and most recently at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies in Toronto in February.

Prize lists for this year's fair, scheduled for August 15-17, are now available.

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Hwy. 505: From Jct. Hwy. 48 northerly to Jct. Hwy. 503 at Uphill

Hwy. 506: From Jct. Hwy. 41 easterly to Plevna

Hwy. 507: From Jct. Hwy. 28 northerly to Jct. Hwy. 36 at Buckhorn and from Jct. Hwy. 36 at Flynns Corners northerly to Jct. Hwy. 503 at Gooderham

Hwy. 509: From Plevna south easterly to Jct. Hwy. 7

Hwy. 515: From east limits of Quadeville to Jct. Hwy. 512

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B) RESTRICTIONS ON PERMITS ISSUED

Pursuant to Section 93 of the Highway Traffic Act:

(1) All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any highways during the months of March and April.

(2) Single trip permits, for moving of overloads on highways not designated in Schedules 1, 2 and 3, may be issued, but are subject to axle controls established by Compliance Branch, Safety and Regulation Division.

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Residents say goodbye to Jack Shaw

Another week has passed us by and here we are again. First of all, a belated thank you to the ladies of the UCW Minden who provided us with a lovely tea party on February 20. Next day we enjoyed happy hour with the Pickards.

Jack Shaw, floorman extraordinaire, was the guest of honour at his retirement party, held February 26. Jack, who has worked in our home for 30 years, was joined by his family, staff, residents and former staff to celebrate the occasion and wish him best. He received many gifts including a gold watch. The celebration closed with a delicious buffet provided by the dietary staff. Jack left us on February 28. We will miss him dearly and will always remember the many kindnesses that he has shown us during his time here. Good luck, Jack and don't work too hard. His position will be filled by Phyllis Sutherland.

In the evening we enjoyed music compliments of Don and Cheryl Alton, Doris Robertson and Linda Fry. What a fun time we had joining in the sing song and

Senior League

many of us joined in with much dancing.

We were pleasantly surprised to receive a case of oranges delivered all the way from Florida thanks to a couple of volunteers who were holidaying there. What a treat that was.

So, all in all, February 26 will be a day to remember for a long time. Hope you will have heard that Robbie Young is doing well and will be able to come

Hyland Crest employee Jack Shaw and his wife Janice accepted the thanks of fellow staff and residents at a retirement party held last week at the home. Among the gifts was a quilt, seen behind the couple, created by the residents. Jack retired after 30 years of employment at the Minden facility.



home every other weekend. It will be good to see him. As for Patches, he is doing well in his new home.

Welcome to our new volunteer Mary Cooper. It is always appreciated when people given of their time to be with us. Another volunteer, Pastor Power, kindly drove two of our residents to Peterborough so they could attend medical appointments. Thanks to you all.

Happy birthday to Gordon Kent who celebrates on March 5 and welcome to new resident Jack Durnford.

On February 27 we enjoyed a delicious tea party with the Minden Curling Club.

That's all the news for now. See you next week.

Last call for tax help

It is that time of the year again. Although we have not advertised our volunteer tax program yet, the Centre has already processed over 300 returns.

It is with great regret that we are informing you that our funding is discontinued and we will be forced to close our doors on March 31, 1997.

We have been privileged to provide service to our community for well over ten years and leave with grave concerns for all those who require our services.

In order to assure that your return is processed before we close, the last day you can bring in a tax return will be March 10.

For more details, contact the Haliburton County Information Centre at 705-457-2733.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

NOTICE TO EQUIPMENT OWNERS

The Ministry of Transportation invites all equipment owners and contractors to submit a new or updated list of equipment they have available for rent.

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Around the County Town

by Gord Graham (call 286-6506-- FAX 286-3460)

This writer had the extreme pleasure of attending the first annual "Food for Thought" dinner in support of SIRCH Women's Emergency House last Sunday. The culinary experience was absolutely out of this world. Congratulations to chefs Chris Baux, Chris Carl and Ron Tenthorey and to the many other volunteers who helped make the evening such a great success.

The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is holding a free open meeting for anyone interested in Alzheimer and related dementias. On Monday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marycrest Home for the Aged auditorium, 200 St. Luke's Ave. in Peterborough a video and group discussion will take place. Refreshments follow. For more information, call 705-748-5131.

Also, starting on Tuesday, April 8 for 3 weeks from 10 - 11:30 a.m. there will be a free information series "Understanding Alzheimer Disease". If you are interested call 705-748-5131 or 1-800-561-2588 to pre-register as attendance is limited at their office on 243 Charlotte St. in Peterborough.

Our hearts go out to Bev Elias from the Minden IGA who recently broke her ankle. Bev, you will be missed around town so please hurry and get well just as soon as you can.

I have mentioned in this column before about the 5 - 6 good ladies from Lochlin who have been very busy making bedrolls for the homeless. Well, I was astonished to learn last week that they have just completed their 28th bedroll. What a wonderful contribution to the needy these ladies have put forth. You certainly have a sense of pride most deserving. The ladies extend their heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped them with contributions.

The World Day of Prayer is this Friday, March 7. Taking part in this service locally will be the Catholic, Anglican, United and Gospel Churches of Minden. Service will be in the Hyland Crest auditorium at 2:00 pm. All welcome.

Don't forget that the Haliburton

County Fair is scheduled for Friday, August 15 to Sunday, August 17 and entries of needlecraft, photography, arts, crafts and hobbies must be placed in the Exhibit Building on Thursday, August 14 from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Winners of the euchre games played at Club 35 last week were Edith Russell and Garth Windsor for the high scores, Bill Jordan for the low score, Pearl Kernohan for the most lone hands and Ken Wallace who won the 50/50 draw. June Branning managed to come away with two wins in another category. Euchres are held every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Club 35 is located 9 kms north Carnarvon.

The Lochlin Community Centre also had some euchre winners last week. Murray MacKinnon and Helen Byne had the high scores, Chris Hill and Dorothy Milburn the low scores and Al Cooper the most lone hands. Euchre is played here next on Tuesday, March 11 and Gelert on March 4th (at 7:30 p.m.). Everybody is invited to join in.

Contract bridge players last week in the Stanhope Library gave a tip of the hat and a hearty welcome to newcomer Betty Dicker who came in third. Way to go Betty! First place was captured by Muriel McIntosh and second place went to Helen Rice. Challenge yourself any Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Partners not required.

Other card games that go on around the county include: euchre at St. Paul's, Mondays at 1:30 p.m.; bid euchre (seniors) at the Minden Legion, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.; bid euchre at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Euchre played at the Minden Legion February 20 produced winners Sharon Evans and John Malton for the most lone hands, Verna McDonald and Rob Evans for the high scores, Helen Skelding and Bill Menard for the low scores. Gladys Wruth, Murray MacKinnon, Ed Hisson and Tod Edgson also received prizes. Meet Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

HEALTH NEWS

Continuing tips to ease winter damage to skin - try drinking lots of water - it helps keep the skin moist. Also, applied yogurt is a good moisturizing treatment for hands, legs and body as are eggs.

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So, spend as much time as possible outdoors, especially in the morning. This is the best light for waking and revving up your body clock.



Special congratulations to Len and Mable Trodd who are marking their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary this Tuesday. The couple was married March 4, 1931 in Toronto and they raised their family of five in Scarborough. They built a home on Mountain Lake in 1967. Since moving here, the couple spend their winters in Clearwater, Florida and make Staunworth Court their home. Best wishes and lots of love from fellow residents, friends and their large extended family. The anniversary will be celebrated with an open house planned for April.

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Attendants for their quick ac-
tion given to our sons on Febru-
ary 10, 1997. Without caring
people like you and Minden
Hospital being open, our sons
might not have been so lucky.
Also, thanks to all the people for
phone calls and cards received,
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appreciated. Thanks very much.

Many thanks to the athletes,
judges and spectators for mak-
ing the Lochlin Winter Olym-
pics a moment in Highlands
History.

Dave and Marg Skinner.

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the ambulance drivers, Dwight
Thomas and Larry Blanchard,
the nurses and Dr. Lugertat at
the Minden Hospital for their
care and assistance. We would
also like to thank our families
and friends for their telephone
calls, visits, delicious food, cards
flowers and donations. Special
thanks to Evelyn and Gratton
for their kind assistance and
Pastor David Barker for an ex-
cellent service. Many thanks to
Gord and Kirsten Monk for their
kindness and help at this emo-
tional time. Thank you to all the
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freshments at the Kinmount
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ice. We are truly blessed to live
in such a caring community and
we know that Garland will be
greatly missed by many people.
Doris and Family

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To the nurses and aides and
especially the Doctors of Civic
Hospital, I say a sincere thank
you. Thank you also to Dr. Wu
and the Lions Medical Centre.
To all the many friends who
sent cards, phoned, made good-
ies and visited, thank you. Last,
but not least, my son John and
his wife Phil who came up from
Toronto, took me to the hospi-
tal, waited for me, brought me
home and looked after me for
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Angela. Predeceased by four
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Ross Little. Fondly remembered
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